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This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed January 20, 2012, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued November 1, 2005. The last day of the grace period for paying the 3.5-year maintenance fee was November 1, 2009. Therefore, since the original petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

According to USPTO financial records, petitioner's credit card was charged \$2770.00 twice on October 31, 2011. Accordingly, \$2770.00 will be refunded to petitioner's credit card in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

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